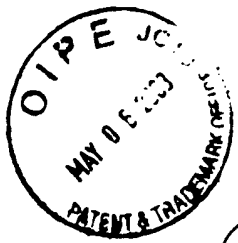


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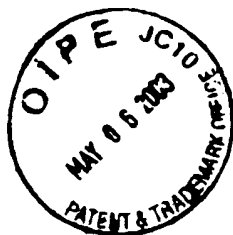
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Dear Sir;

Prior to examination, please amend the above referenced Application per the attached amendments to the claims.

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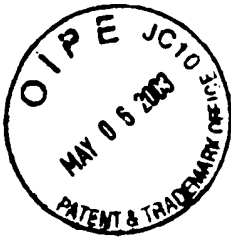
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Dear Sir;

In response to the Restriction Request dated April 7, 2003 31, please be advised that applicant provisionally elects the species of claims 1-15.

The requirement for election is respectfully traversed, inasmuch as the Examiners stated basis for restriction, "In this case the process can be carried out by another and materially different apparatus comprising C-clamps, or clamping means other than hooks to hold articles being conveyed past the sprayer, the clamps/etc coated with a thermally sacrificial tape coating that is burned off after coating is completed."

Applicant submits that the cited alternative is not equivalent to the process of the present invention. The suggested "sacrificial tape coating" would require manual application to each hook, a labor intensive step not included in the present invention and one which would render the cited process impractical and uneconomical. Also, the suggestion of frames as an alternative to hooks is contemplated in the specification (Page 1, lines 21 & 22)

Examiner's reconsideration of the restriction requirement is hence solicited.

Respectfully submitted;

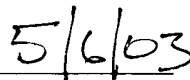


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